

Madison-Grant Jr./Sr. High School Parent/Student Athlete Handbook

Madison-Grant Athletic Department

Section 1) STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

The Madison-Grant High School Athletic Department's philosophy is one that is centered around building an all-encompassing team that is focused on providing quality extracurricular athletics to all students at Madison-Grant High School. The Athletic Department strongly believes that athletics are extremely important in the development of all students, both in mind and body. With opportunities to develop leadership, communication, and teambuilding skills, athletics is an integral part of the experience at Madison-Grant Jr/Sr High School.

Being an athlete at Madison-Grant Jr/Sr High School is a privilege; therefore, we expect a higher standard of behavior from our student athletes. Exhibiting a positive attitude and quality character is a must for any Madison-Grant student athlete. Along with quality character, the Athletic Department expects high levels of success both academically and athletically. Winning is very important to all of our athletic programs, however, it is not sole purpose of Madison-Grant Athletics. Learning how to handle adversity and setbacks is just as important as winning games in our eyes. Success is not determined by wins and losses, but rather by the development we provide our student athletes so that they may be more successful in the future.

As in all educational aspects at Madison-Grant Jr/Sr High School, the Athletic Department is committed to the pursuit of excellence, acknowledging that the quest itself is the most significant aspect of achievement.

Section 2) SPORTS OFFERED

<i>Gender</i>	Fall Sports	Winter Sports	Spring Sports
<i>Boys</i>	Football Tennis Cross Country	Basketball Wrestling	Baseball Track Golf
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Section 3) PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

Each participant is to have a completed Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) Parent-Physician Form on file in the Athletic Office prior to the beginning practice for their sport. All sections of the form must be fully completed including signatures of the athlete, parents, and the physicians. Forms are available in the athletic office. The IHSAA requires that physicals are dated between April 1 and the first practice for that sport for each school year. ***Again, it is important to stress, that student-athletes may not practice until a completed physical form is on file in the Athletic Office.***

Section 4) RULES FOR PARTICIPATION/AWARDS

It is the responsibility of the student-athlete and their parents/guardians to take the time to read the following rules and policies and to make sure the student/athlete understands their role in athletics. These standards have been agreed upon by the Athletic Council; which consists of the Principal, Assistant Principal, Athletic Director, and all head coaches.

The following rules, adopted by the Athletic Council, are for all Madison-Grant High School athletes, managers, cheerleaders, or other students involved in support of an athletic team. The coach of a particular

sport may require additional rules above and beyond the rules outlined below. Participation in Madison-Grant Jr/Sr High School Athletics is a privilege, and not a right. Madison-Grant Jr/Sr High School expects a higher standard of conduct from its athletes than from students who are non-athletes. If a student does not wish to follow this higher standard of conduct, then he or she should decide not to be a Madison-Grant Jr/Sr High School athlete. During the time a student is a Madison-Grant Jr/Sr High School athlete, he or she will be in the public eye and will be representing the school not only while participating in a particular sport, *but also at all other times, both in and out of school, and during non-school hours, including vacations.*

Section 5) HAZING

Hazing practices in the past were typically considered harmless or meaningless pranks. Hazing today is a complex social problem that will not be tolerated at Madison-Grant.

Hazing Defined:

“Hazing” refers to any activity expected of someone joining a group (or to maintain full status in a group) that humiliates, degrades or risks emotional and/or physical harm, regardless of the person's willingness to participate. A few examples are, but not limited to include social isolation, verbal abuse, threats, expectations of new members to perform various acts, physical/emotional/sexual abuse, and expectation to harass others. Disciplinary actions for violations of the hazing policy vary in result dependent upon the circumstances of the act. Discipline may be passed down from a coach or result in removal from athletic teams for the remainder of the school year.

Section 6) SOCIAL MEDIA

Creating or distributing information including information distributed via e-mail, social-media, or through a web site, that results in or is likely to result in the disruption of an educational function, advocates a violation of law or a student conduct rule, is sexually explicit or obscene, is libelous, slanderous or defamatory, or invades the privacy of an identified or identifiable person. Student-athletes are not precluded from participation in such online social networks; however, student-athletes should be reminded they serve as representatives of their team, the athletic program, and the Madison-Grant United School Corporation.

Texting, tweeting, and uses of other social networks to disparage or criticize the team, other students, opponents, coaches or other school personnel is inappropriate behavior and unbecoming of a Madison-Grant student-athlete. Any individual identified on a social networking site which depicts illegal or inappropriate behavior, due to the Athletic Code or other policy, will be considered in violation and subject to athletic discipline or suspension per policy guidelines.

Section 7) CONDUCT RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. An athlete shall not at any time, on or off school property, possess, sell, use, or be under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, or intoxicants of any kind.
2. An athlete shall not, at any time, on or off school property, possess or use tobacco in any form. This shall include, but not be limited to snuff, chewing tobacco, and smoking tobacco (e-cigarettes).
3. An athlete shall not engage in actions which result in criminal arrest, conviction, or produce other evidence of criminal wrongdoing that are not in keeping with the general philosophy of athletics. Examples are, but not limited to, shoplifting, theft, vandalism, criminal mischief, and assault.

4. All of these rules are in effect during the season, the off-season, and during the summer and all other vacations.
5. Madison-Grant Athletics follows the extra-curricular eligibility policy set forth by the IHSAA. Grades are issued every nine weeks. Mid-term reports do not count toward eligibility.
6. There is an age limitation to participate in athletics. An athlete is eligible so long as he or she is not age twenty on or before the day of the state finals of that given sport.
7. If an athlete is absent from practice for **five (5) to ten (10)** days due to illness or injury, he or she may be required to present written proof from a doctor that he or she is able to attend practice and participate again.
8. If an athlete is absent from practice for **more than ten (10)** days due to illness or injury, he or she is required to present written proof from a doctor that he or she is able to attend practice and participate again.
9. The IHSAA requires an athlete to have **eight (8)** separate days of practice before participating in any sporting event; an exception is girl's golf, which requires only two days. Individual student athletes moving directly from one sport season to the next sport season may be eligible to participate in a following season contest after **five (5)** separate days of organized practice under the direct supervision of the high school coaching staff.
10. If an athlete transfers into our school system, he or she must have an athletic transfer from the school from which he/she came and approval from the IHSAA.
11. Athletes are responsible for the care of athletic equipment issued to them, and may be expected to pay for any lost equipment or equipment which is damaged by carelessness.
12. Athletes are responsible for making sure that all team practice package money is turned in to the coach in a timely manner. Athletes will be ineligible to participate in their next sport until all equipment is turned in and money paid.
13. As a representative of Madison-Grant Jr/Sr High School, athletes are expected to be well groomed and neat in appearance at all times.
14. For the safety of all athletes, wearing jewelry is not allowed during participation in practices or sporting events. The wearing of jewelry during competition is prohibited in accordance with the IHSAA By-Laws.
15. Athletes are not permitted to be in the school building, weight room, or on school property without supervision from a coach or administrator.
16. An athlete shall practice and participate in only one sport at a time, unless coaches in two programs agree to share an athlete. In this case, both coaches, the athlete, his/her parents and the Athletic Director will meet to outline the season in the best interest of the athlete. If a conflicting situation arises, a meeting of the athlete, parents, coaches, and athletic director will be held to resolve the situation.
17. Before the first practice, an athlete must have on file, a completed physical form, concussion acknowledgement form, and beginning July 1st 2014 a cardiac acknowledgement form.

18. An athlete who has been suspended from school for 1-10 days cannot practice, attend, or play in contests during the suspension.
19. Madison-Grant Jr/Sr High School is governed by the Indiana High School Athletic Association. While athletes may not know each and every rule of the IHSAA, they should contact their coach or athletic director if they have any questions concerning the rules and regulations of the IHSAA. If athletes know of any violation of these rules and regulations, it is their responsibility to bring this to the attention of their coach and/or Athletic Director.
20. In addition to the rules outlined in this handbook, athletes are also bound by any other rules of the Madison-Grant Jr/Sr High School Athletic Code of Conduct, additional rules which each individual coach may have; as well as the Rules of the IHSAA.

Section 8) PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF RULES

1. **Behavior Unbecoming an Athlete:** This refers to actions or deeds that athletes may be involved in during school activities such as classroom, hallway, all school events and non school events such as gatherings, social events, or events that their attitude and/or behavior may be questioned.
 - a. **First Offense:** Suspension for 10% of the season. Practice at coach's discretion.
 - b. **Second Offense:** Suspension for 25% of the season. Practice at coach's discretion.
 - c. **Third Offense:** Suspension for 50% of the season. Practice at coach's discretion.
 - d. **Fourth Offense:** Suspension for the remainder of the student's high school career.
2. If the athlete is found to have consumed alcohol or used drugs or tobacco products (include e-cigarettes) or the likeness, they shall be placed on probation until they complete the following requirements:
 - a. **First Offense:** Suspension for the first 33% of the scheduled contests. The athlete will be suspended for these contests whenever they are played. Any contest not re-scheduled that falls within the first 33% of the season will count as a suspended contest for the athlete. If suspension occurs at the end of a season, a combination of different athletic seasons will be used for the suspension.
 - b. **Second Offense within 365 Day:** Suspension from athletics for one calendar year.
 - c. **Third Offense:** Suspension from athletics for the remainder of the student's high school career (violations in JH will not count for total infractions).
 - i. The athlete must maintain a cooperative attitude in the classroom, school, and with the athletic team he/she is participating during the period of the suspension.
 - ii. Reinstatement: Any athlete who has received a career suspension may apply for reinstatement after serving a suspension of 365 day (one calendar year). The athletic director and the principal will conduct a hearing to determine whether the athlete should be reinstated and allowed to participate in athletics at Madison-Grant Jr./Sr. High School. The principal and the athletic director may reinstate the athlete with no restrictions or conditions, reinstate the athlete with certain specified conditions that must be met prior to being allowed to participate and/or while the athlete is participating, or reject the application for reinstatement. This process has no legal implications or requirements.
3. **Statute of Limitations:** Violations that are reported to the athletic office more than 365 days (one calendar year) after they occur will not be considered for disciplinary action. Violations

for the same athletic code infractions discovered after an athlete has already been disciplined will not be penalized.

4. Involvement with the law enforcement agencies based on charges and/or conviction (excluding minor traffic violations) of a misdemeanor and/or felony shall be dealt with in a severe manner.
 - a. **First Offense:** Suspension for 50% of the season.
 - b. **Second Offense:** Suspension for the remainder of the student’s high school career.
5. A student under suspension from athletics may not join an athletic team that has already started practice to serve his/her punishment.
6. An athlete may not quit one sport to join another sport in the same season without a written appeal to the Athletic Director.
7. These items are the minimum disciplinary measures set by the Athletic Department at Madison-Grant High School. An individual coach may add to these if he or she desires. Any coach wanting to enforce stricter punishment must receive approval from the Athletic Department prior to implementing such a system. Also, the coach must communicate this information to the athletes participating in their sport.

Section 9) MADISON-GRANT HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC AWARD SYSTEM

The philosophy of athletics at Madison-Grant High School shall be to provide a wholesome opportunity for individuals to compete in a variety of sports. The primary purpose of our award system is to promote athletics at Madison-Grant High School by having our athletes wear symbols of their achievements. We believe the student athletes at Madison-Grant High School should take pride in their individual and team accomplishments. In order to preserve the honor of the athletic award system, we believe the awards should only be presented to the individuals who have earned them through their participation.

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2. TYPES OF AWARDS:

- a. Certificates
 - i. Participation certificate--received by non-letter winning participants
 - ii. Varsity certificate--received by all letter winners
- b. “MG” Black letter with white trim.
- c. Gold jacket with black sleeves and an “MG” letter sewn on.
- d. Gold bar
- e. Athletic Ring
- f. Argyll Award

3. DETERMINATION OF SPORTS STATUS:

- a. The head coach of each sport will establish the criteria for earning a letter. This must be done prior to the beginning of a season. All awards will be recommended by the coach and must be approved by the athletic director.
- b. In order for an athlete to earn any award, he or she must be in good standing at the conclusion of the regular season. This includes any post season responsibilities such as turning in equipment, etc. Lost equipment, or equipment that is damaged, or just turns up missing, must be paid for at the replacement cost. Athletes will not be issued equipment for subsequent sports, and will not receive awards until all equipment is returned.
- c. If an athlete has the desire to participate in two sports during the same sport season, he or she may request permission from the Athletic Director. Upon agreement by all coaches involved, the athlete will be allowed to participate in both sports. Only one letter will be counted toward the system of awards at Madison-Grant High School.
- d. All athletes (this includes cheerleaders and managers) may receive a full varsity letter. However, only letters earned by individuals competing (not including managers/support staff) in IHSAA sanctioned sports will count towards the Athletic Ring and the Argyll Award.

4. SEQUENCE OF AWARDS:

- a. The Madison-Grant Athletic Department utilizes a points system to best administer the athletic awards.
 - i. One (1) point will be awarded for a freshman award winner.
 - ii. Two (2) points will be awarded for a junior varsity/C team award winner.
 - iii. Four (4) points will be awarded for a varsity award winner.
 - iv. Certificates will be awarded to all participants.
 - v. Gold bar will be presented for every letter awarded.
 - vi. Four (4) total points will earn a 1st letter – “MG” black letter trimmed in white.
 - vii. Sixteen (16) total points will earn a letter jacket through the athletic department.
 - viii. Thirty-six (36) points will earn an athletic ring.
 - ix. Argyll Award-This award goes to any student who participates (excluding manager) in a sport in all twelve (12) athletic seasons during their high school career. The recipient will receive a life-time pass to all contests hosted by Madison-Grant High School (excluding tournaments).

5. SPECIAL AWARDS

- a. Team patches will be awarded to varsity members, who win a sectional, county, conference championship or Grant 4. Individuals who make all CIC Conference, compete in a state championship, shall also be awarded a patch.
 - i. Individual patches can be purchased at the **athlete’s own expense** for team or individual awards such as non-sanctioned state tournaments, all state selections, regional qualifiers, and all county/area teams.

Section 10) ATHLETIC REVIEW BOARD

Any decision made by the Principal, Athletic Director, or coach of a sport may be appealed to the Athletic Review Board. The Athletic Review Board will be comprised of one School Board Member, one administrator, athletic director, and three head coaches. The mission of this committee will be to review all pertinent facts regarding the decision in question.

When a decision is made that you wish to appeal, it is expected that you contact the individual making the decision. After the action has been discussed with the coach or responsible party and you still feel the decision is inappropriate, you may file an appeal with the Athletic Review Board.

To request action by the Athletic Review Board you must submit in writing to the Athletic Director, within 14 calendar days of the decision to be reviewed, the following:

1. Decision being appealed.
2. Reason for appeal.
3. Any pertinent information supporting the reason for appeal.

The Board will convene at the earliest possible time to review materials. The Board will request information from both parties. A final written decision of the Athletic Review Board will be sent to the appealing party, the Superintendent, the Principal, and members of the Athletic Review Board. The Athletic Review Board's decision will be final.

Section 11) MINIMUM ATTENDANCE POLICY

A student-athlete at Madison-Grant Jr/Sr. High School has three options to adhere to Athletic Handbook Policy allowing a student-athlete to be eligible to participate in practice or in any athletic contest scheduled on a school day.

1. Attend school all day.
2. Attend school one-half day.
3. The student is attending an approved school related function.
4. Miss school by attending a special circumstance approved by the athletic director.

Section 12) NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

If your student-athlete plans to enroll in college following high school and wishes to participate in collegiate athletics, his/her initial eligibility status must be determined by the NCAA **Initial-Eligibility Center**. To be certified by the Eligibility Center, the prospective student-athlete must meet the requirements below.

Core Courses

1. NCAA Divisions I and II require 16 core courses.
2. Beginning August 1, 2016, NCAA Division I will require 10 core courses to be completed prior to the seventh semester (seven of the 10 must be a combination of English, math or natural or physical science that meet the distribution requirements below). These 10 courses become "locked in" at the start of the seventh semester and cannot be retaken for grade improvement.
 - a. Beginning August 1, 2016, it will be possible for a Division I college-bound student-athlete to still receive athletics aid and the ability to practice with the team if he or she fails to meet the 10 course requirement, but would not be able to compete.

Test Scores

1. Division I uses a sliding scale to match test scores and core grade-point averages (GPA).
2. Division II requires a minimum SAT score of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.
3. The SAT score used for NCAA purposes includes only the critical reading and math sections. The writing section of the SAT is not used.
4. The ACT score used for NCAA purposes is a sum of the following four sections: English, mathematics, reading and science.
5. When you register for the SAT or ACT, use the NCAA Eligibility Center code of 9999 to ensure all SAT and ACT scores are reported directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center from the testing agency. Test scores that appear on transcripts will not be used.

Grade-Point Average

1. Be sure to look at your high school's List of NCAA Courses on the NCAA Eligibility Center's website (www.eligibilitycenter.org).
2. Division I GPA required to receive athletics aid and practice on or after August 1, 2016, is 2.000-2.299.

3. Division I GPA required to be eligible for competition on or after August 1, 2016, is 2.300.
4. The Division II core GPA requirement is a minimum of 2.000.
5. Remember, the NCAA GPA is calculated using NCAA core courses only.

Section 13) ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Madison-Grant athletes (managers, cheerleaders, IHSAA licensed sports), to be eligible, must follow the board approved extra-curricular eligibility policy and must be enrolled in a minimum of 5 credited classes. At Madison-Grant High School, athletics can be a very important part of one's high school experience, but the academic commitment is and always will be the most important goal we have. We expect our student-athletes to work to their potential in the classroom in order to become outstanding citizens in our community.

Section 14) INSURANCE

Madison-Grant High School does not carry medical/hospitalization insurance for its athletes. This is considered to be a parental responsibility. Though, there are several plans available through the school and Student Assurance Services Incorporated. The Indiana High School Athletic Association provides to each school and athlete a catastrophic plan that has a \$25,000 deductible (your own basic coverage would cover this). The benefits from this policy are open-ended. Inquiries should be directed to the Athletic Director's office.

Section 15) TRANSPORTATION POLICY

The athletic team of which your son/daughter is a member will be making several trips during the course of the competition season. We will be making these trips on a safety-checked bus driven by an adult-licensed bus driver with coaches on board for supervision. A student-athlete will be required to travel by the school provided transportation both to and from the athletic event.

We realize there will be extenuating circumstance, which may require students to use private vehicles driven by their parents/guardians. **Permission will only be granted upon written request by the parent/guardian.**

Section 16) MEDICAL REGULATIONS

Schools are not permitted to administer aspirin or any other type of medication without the written permission from the parent/guardian. All medicines (including cough drops) must be kept and taken in the office unless a doctor's statement indicates the student should keep the medication with them at all times. **The possession or distribution of CBD products are prohibited on school grounds.**

Section 17) COMMUNICATION

The Madison-Grant Jr/Sr High School Athletic Department supports an open line of communication between coaches, athletes, and parents. Each coach is a unique individual and has his/her own style, but they all care about our student-athletes. **When a concern arises with your son/daughter, below is the appropriate procedure we support:**

1. **Have your son/daughter speak directly to his/her immediate coach at an appropriate time when the coach is not coaching or teaching.**
2. **If a concern still exists, you as a parent should set up a meeting with the coach(es) who work(s) directly with your child.** This should be set up ahead of time with an appointment. Attempting to talk to a coach before or after an athletic event is NOT considered an appropriate time, and the athletic

office does not expect our coaches to participate in a meeting with a parent during these times. Confrontations after an event are nonproductive and not acceptable. Talk to coaches at the appropriate time with an appointment scheduled in advance.

3. **If a concern still exists after steps 1 & 2, contact the athletic director.** Again, schedule an appointment to ensure availability. The athlete, coach, parent(s) and athletic director will meet to resolve the situation. **Athletic Office phone number: 765-536-0032**
4. **If a concern still exists, contact the principal: 765-536-0032.**

Section 18) CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS AND FANS

The IHSAA expects each member school to provide a safe environment that promotes good sportsmanship for fans, officials, coaches, and players. At a time when society is experiencing increased incidents of physical confrontations and unmanaged anger associated with sports at all levels, Madison-Grant Jr/Sr High School wishes to keep our athletes, officials, coaches, and fans safe by insisting on proper behavior and promoting our positive reputation for good sportsmanship.

Parents need to understand characteristics of the structure of school athletics and relationships involved.

1. Participation in high school athletics is a privilege, not a right. Coaches will retain only those players whose skills and attitudes meet the needs of the program, as defined by the coach.
2. The coach alone is responsible for deciding who plays and how much.
3. By allowing one's child to play sports, the parent is, in effect, turning over the child to the coach for the period of time the player is in the sport. The coach will instruct the child and keep the child safe within normally accepted standards.
4. Coaches are professionals and are operating within the best interests of all student-athletes in their charge.
5. It is inappropriate for parents or fans to confront a coach after practice or event. Parents who have a concern are asked to contact the coach and schedule a meeting at the appropriate time to avoid conflict at a potentially emotional time. If parents cannot reach a satisfactory resolution through a meeting with the coach, they may then contact the Athletic Director and the Principal.
6. Swearing or making derogatory comments about the officials, coaches, players of either team, or other parents and fans at an athletic event is never acceptable.
7. Attending an athletic event while intoxicated is not acceptable.
8. Being offensive in any other fashion is not acceptable.

Parents and fans that violate any of the above standards of behavior risk sanctions by Madison-Grant Jr/Sr High School including, but not limited to:

- a. A verbal or written warning.
- b. Removal from the contest or premises
- c. Temporary or permanent banishment from attendance at Madison-Grant High School athletic events and/or other school functions.
- d. Civil or legal action.
- e. NFHS Sportsmanship Course.

In conclusion, we commend those parents who always exhibit exemplary behavior and serve as positive role models for our student-athletes. We encourage our parents to volunteer, to become involved with our teams, and to be supportive of the attempts of the entire community to educate our youth. By working together, we will establish Madison-Grant High School athletics as a first class program.

We strive to make good sportsmanship at Madison-Grant Jr/Sr High School an expectation; where the players play, the coaches coach, the officials officiate, and the *FANS ARE POSITIVE!*

Section 19) Concussion Policy

“Any athlete suspected of having a concussion should be evaluated by an appropriate health care professional that day. Any athlete with a concussion should be medically cleared by an appropriate healthcare professional prior to resuming participation in any practice or competition.”

The language above appears in all National Federation sports rule books as part of the suggested guidelines for the management of concussion. It reflects a heightened emphasis on the safety of athletes suspected of having a concussion, especially since the vast majority of concussions do not involve a loss of consciousness. The State of Indiana has a law (Ind. Code 20-34-7) which mandates a protocol to be observed in the event there is an athletic head injury or concussion sustained by a high school student in a high school practice or contest. The following guidelines provide the IHSAA’s suggested procedures to be followed when there may be a head injury or may be a concussion in a practice or in a contest in an IHSAA recognized sport.

1. A high school student athlete who may have sustained a concussion or a head injury in a high school practice or a high school contest in an IHSAA recognized sport should immediately have the existence of a concussion or a head injury confirmed by the school’s medical person, who (i) is an individual who has training in the evaluation and management of concussions and head injuries and who is either an Indiana athletic trainer ATC/L or an Indiana medical doctor (MD) or doctor of osteopathic medicine (DO) holding an unlimited license to practice medicine in the state of Indiana, and (ii) has been assigned to a contest to provide medical services or has been assigned to provide medical services to students at a school’s athletic practice. If it is confirmed by the school’s medical person that the student athlete has not sustained a concussion or a head injury, the student athlete may continue participation in the contest or practice.
2. A high school student athlete, suspected of having sustained a concussion or a head injury in a high school practice or contest in an IHSAA recognized sport, and who is unable to have the absence of a concussion or head injury confirmed, should:
 - a. be removed from practice and play at the time of the concussion or head injury is sustained,
 - b. be evaluated immediately by an appropriate health care professional, who (i) is an Indiana medical doctor (MD) or doctor of osteopathic medicine (DO) who holds an unlimited license to practice medicine in the state of Indiana, and (ii) has training in the evaluation and management of concussions and head injuries,
 - c. follow a step-wise protocol which has provisions for the delay of the return to practice or play based upon the return of any signs or symptoms of concussion or head injury, and
 - d. not return to a practice or play (i) until the high school student athlete is cleared in writing to return to practice and play by the health care professional who conducted an evaluation of the student athlete, or (ii) any sooner than twenty-four (24) hours after the student athlete was removed from practice or play.
3. An official has a role in recognizing concussive signs and in making a report during a contest in an IHSAA recognized sport, and that role includes:
 - a. if, during a contest, and an official observes a player who exhibits concussive signs (including appearing dazed, stunned, confused, disoriented, to have memory loss, or the athlete is either unconscious or apparently unconscious), the official should immediately notify a coach that a player showed concussive signs and advise that the player should be seen by the school’s medical person or by an appropriate health care professional, and
 - b. if an official observes a player who exhibits concussive signs during a contest, and regardless of whether the student athlete returns to play or not, following the contest, an official’s report shall be filed with the school of the player who exhibited concussive signs, including the athletic director, by the official that initially observed the student who exhibited concussive signs; this report may be found on the IHSAA website at www.ihsaa.org.

4. In cases where an assigned IHSAA Tournament Series physician (MD/DO) is present, his or her decision regarding any potential concussion or head injury, or to forbid an athlete to return to competition, is final, binding and may not be overruled.

Section 20) EXPECTATIONS OF ATHLETES

Athletes at Madison-Grant Jr/Sr. High School are expected to be a positive role model both in and out of school. They are expected to treat authority figures with the respect due to them, and to take an active and productive role in the classroom and the community in general. They are expected to live up to all team, department, and school rules and policies. As an athlete of Madison-Grant Jr/Sr High School, the student-athlete is expected to live up to a higher standard of expectations. We are proud to have students in athletics and hope that everyone's experiences are both enjoyable and rewarding.

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